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Functions of Chief, Research and Development Staff

1. Purpose: To serve as the top level technical advisor on scientific matters to all elements of OPC; to advise and assist the Office in the development (including procurement of sufficient pre-production units for appraisal and test), formulation and establishment of plans, policies, and operations requiring scientific efforts; to develop or arrange for the development of the necessary operational devices and equipment to support the activities of OPC.

2. Major Functions:

a. Provides top level technical advice to all elements of OPC on scientific matters.

b. Arranges for, or conducts research and development of (1) new instruments or devices or techniques, and (2) modification of existing devices that will assist in facilitating the field operations of OPC.

c. Conducts a continuous review (including field functioning) of technical devices in all fields of physical sciences to select and develop such devices as will facilitate OPC activities. Makes appropriate and timely recommendations to all elements of OPC to insure adequate operational support.

d. Conducts necessary and authorized liaison with other parts of CIA, other agencies of the Government and friendly foreign powers, to carry out the purpose of the Research and Development Staff.

3. Organization: The Research and Development Staff consists of the Chief, Deputy Chief, project engineers, functional specialists, and such other assistants as may appear appropriate after future study.

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